

From: [Ward, Lisa \(EOIR\)](#)
To: [Sheehey, Kate \(EOIR\)](#); [Santoro, Christopher A \(EOIR\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Arlington Immigration Judge Candidate Request for an EOD Date in 2018
Date: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 8:02:38 PM

FYI.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Keller, Mary Beth (EOIR)" <MaryBeth.Keller@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Date: August 2, 2017 at 7:53:16 PM EDT
To: "McHenry, James (EOIR)" <James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: "Reilly, Katherine - OGC (EOIR)" <Katherine.Reilly@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>, "Ward, Lisa (EOIR)" <Lisa.Ward@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: FW: Arlington Immigration Judge Candidate Request for an EOD Date in 2018

James
Duplicate



Thanks.
Mtk

MaryBeth Keller

From: Lee-Sullivan, Marcia L. (EOIR)
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 4:01 PM
To: Keller, Mary Beth (EOIR) <MaryBeth.Keller@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: Lee-Sullivan, Marcia L. (EOIR) <Marcia.Lee-Sullivan@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: Arlington Immigration Judge Candidate Request for an EOD Date in 2018
Importance: High

Judge Keller,

From: [Keller, Mary Beth \(EOIR\)](#)
To: [Ward, Lisa \(EOIR\)](#)
Cc: [Sheehey, Kate \(EOIR\)](#)
Subject: RE: Arlington Immigration Judge Candidate Request for an EOD Date in 2018
Date: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 7:43:24 PM

Ok. Will do.

MaryBeth Keller

From: Ward, Lisa (EOIR)
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 7:36 PM
To: Keller, Mary Beth (EOIR) <MaryBeth.Keller@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: Re: Arlington Immigration Judge Candidate Request for an EOD Date in 2018

MaryBeth,

I think you need to talk to James. He is aware of this situation. He's been tracking all IJs with Kate and I hadn't realized that We had let him know about this one.

Also, I wasn't aware he was active duty, so we do have allow that timeframe.

I just think we should check with James first.

Lisa

On Aug 2, 2017, at 7:14 PM, Keller, Mary Beth (EOIR) <MaryBeth.Keller@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV> wrote:

Thanks Marcia. I don't think we can extend an offer, but delay the EOD indefinitely, until an unknown date at least 10 months into the future. (b)(5) DP

I believe we need to treat this as we have the one other situation where a release from the military has come up, which is to hold the package, and tell the candidate we will connect with him again closer to the date he can EOD. From the below, this sounds like February, which is 120 days prior to the May date he's mentioned, assuming we have a May or later class on the schedule at that time.

I've copied in Lisa to make sure she is looped in and that we are handling this properly.

Thanks.

Mtk

MaryBeth Keller

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Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 4:01 PM

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Cc: Lee-Sullivan, Marcia L. (EOIR) <Marcia.Lee-Sullivan@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

Subject: Arlington Immigration Judge Candidate Request for an EOD Date in 2018

Importance: High

Judge Keller,

On June 21, 2017, Human Resources made the official offer to Mr. Vance Spath, to become an Immigration Judge at the Arlington Immigration Court at the IJ-2 salary level with an EOD date of September 17, 2017. On July 12, 2017, Human Resources received a response from Mr. Spath. Due to his military obligations, Mr. Spath is requesting an **EOD date of May 15, 2018 or later**. For your review, I am including the message the Human Resource Specialists, Ms. Holly Pryor received from Mr. Vance Spath on July 12, 2017 at 7:12am.

Ms. Pryor,

I wanted to let get back with you as soon as I could. Please express to your management I remain extremely interested in the position. I also know I would bring the right experience and enthusiasm to the job. The complication of the job offer remains my status as an active duty member of the Armed Forces, and my position as Chief Judge of the Air Force. The application and interview process has taken a bit longer than I expected. When the initial offer came in March 2017, it was for the entry at IJ-1 and a start date only a few weeks later. I indicated this would not work. On May 10, 2017, the offer was changed to IJ-2, with a start date to be determined. On June 21, 2017, a voicemail was left with a start date of September 18, 2017. I did express the September 2017 start may work - in March 2017, but I did not expect the amount of time to see if that date would be approved. The Air Force requires 120 days (at a minimum) for release from active duty. I made some inquiries regarding exceptions to policy, and that is not an option. The Air Force has not approved these for a variety of reasons. I also am uncomfortable with such short notice to the Air Force after the lengthy interview and application process for a variety of reasons.

As this timeline has unfolded, there have also been some significant changes in circumstances for me. I am in the midst of a murder trial that has already had extensive motion practice. I remain detailed to a case at Guantanamo Bay Cuba which requires significant time to hand to another trial judge. The requirements for security clearances and clearance to travel for the case are significant. Finally, the Air Force assignment season has passed, and the trial judiciary is left with a couple of significant vacancies that will not be filled until the next course for Air Force trial judges in April 2018. This situation is made worse as a chief judge of a circuit has also just submitted his retirement application. He has requested the 120 day minimum period of time.

Again, I want to express my sincere desire to join the team of Immigration Judges. However, I must request a start date of May 15, 2018 or later. That start time period gives me the lead time I need to ensure I give a bit more than the 120 day minimum notice, and to leave the active duty trial judiciary in the place to which I have led it. Please express to management my commitment to them, but also, my commitment to leave active duty in a manner consistent with serving there for over 25 years. I wish the timing of the above events had been different, but at this point, we are where we are at. I look forward to hearing from you all.

I am traveling for the next three weeks. However, I have my cell, (b)(6), and I will have email access.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Vhs

//SIGNED//

*VANCE H. SPATH, Colonel, USAF
Chief Trial Judge*

To date, Human Resources has not responded to his request. Please advise.

Marcia Lee-Sullivan
Executive Programs Manager
Office of the Chief Immigration Judge
(703) 305-1725

From: [Giles, Naomi \(EOIR\)](#)
To: [Sheehey, Kate \(EOIR\)](#)
Cc: [Pryor, Holly \(EOIR\)](#)
Subject: RE: IJ Candidate Spath
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 9:50:35 AM

Kate – per Holly he is good for the 8th July 2018.

Naomi Giles

Human Resources Specialist (Staffing/Classification)

Executive Office for Immigration Review

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From: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR)
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 9:36 AM
To: Giles, Naomi (EOIR) <Naomi.Giles@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: IJ Candidate Spath

Naomi – last week in our notes re: IJ candidates that are from old ads, you noted that candidate Vance Spath would be available to talk to after 4/9 re: the July EOD. Can you confirm with him that he can EOD in July?

Thanks,

Kate

From: [Caldwell, Rhonda \(EOIR\)](#)
To: [Sheehey, Kate \(EOIR\)](#)
Cc: [Butler, Vicki A. \(EOIR\)](#)
Subject: RE: Vance Spath
Date: Thursday, May 10, 2018 8:29:15 AM

Ok. Thanks for clarifying that up for me. Do you know his expected EOD date?

From: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR)
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2018 6:09 PM
To: Caldwell, Rhonda (EOIR) <Rhonda.Caldwell@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: Butler, Vicki A. (EOIR) <Vicki.Butler@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Carballo, Vivian (EOIR) <Vivian.Carballo@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: Re: Vance Spath

Shouldn't matter that it was a 14 month MOA. His temp appointment order was already signed, it should have been for 14 months.

On May 9, 2018, at 5:38 PM, Caldwell, Rhonda (EOIR) <Rhonda.Caldwell@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV> wrote:

Does it matter if he signed a 14 month MOA? Are we doing a temp appointment for 14 months, 18 months or 24 months. Please advise at your earliest convenience. Thanks, RC

From: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR)
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2018 3:29 PM
To: Caldwell, Rhonda (EOIR) <Rhonda.Caldwell@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Butler, Vicki A. (EOIR) <Vicki.Butler@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Carballo, Vivian (EOIR) <Vivian.Carballo@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: Vance Spath

Mr. Spath should enter on the temporary appointment. He was slow not because we were waiting for the BI, but because he had military duty. Given he thought he was going to enter on a temporary appointment, and that our new policy is that everyone is entering on a temporary appointment, I think it's ok to keep it as is and just use the old paperwork.

From: Caldwell, Rhonda (EOIR)
Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 3:27 PM
To: Butler, Vicki A. (EOIR) <Vicki.Butler@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Carballo, Vivian (EOIR) <Vivian.Carballo@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: Vance Spath

I did a search in the database and we have not done a permanent appointment packet for Vance Spath. Even though the AG signed/approved the temporary appointment on

03/20/2017 Mr.

Spath has not entered on duty. I believe we should confirm his BI status and prepare a permanent appointment packet with a footnote regarding Mr. Spath did not EOD on a temporary appointment. Thanks, RC

From: Butler, Vicki A. (EOIR)

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 11:29 AM

To: Carballo, Vivian (EOIR) <Vivian.Carballo@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

Cc: Caldwell, Rhonda (EOIR) <Rhonda.Caldwell@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

Subject: RE: Vance Spath

Vivian:

I found Mr. Spath's recommendation memo (signed by AG on 09/23/16) and temporary appointment order (signed by AG on 03/20/17). However, I did not find a permanent appointment order. But, I am in the process of checking DOJ database.

In the meantime, I also checked the (b)(7)(E) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (where HR previously maintained orders) and I only saw a word document for Mr. Spath's temporary appointment order.

From: Carballo, Vivian (EOIR)

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 10:11 AM

To: Butler, Vicki A. (EOIR) <Vicki.Butler@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

Cc: Caldwell, Rhonda (EOIR) <Rhonda.Caldwell@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

Subject: FW: Vance Spath

Hi Vicki,

Do you know if an order (I'm guessing perm, per OS's email attached) was signed?

Thank you.

From: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR)

Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 9:45 AM

To: Carballo, Vivian (EOIR) <Vivian.Carballo@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

Subject: RE: Vance Spath

I think his order is already done – he was ready to EOD last July (2017) but had military orders to Guantanamo that we couldn't put off. Please have Vicki or Rhonda check in the database, but it should already be written and signed.

From: Carballo, Vivian (EOIR)

Sent: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 9:40 AM

To: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

Subject: Vance Spath

Good morning Kate,

I'm updating the internal excel sheet and I had a question about Vance Spath. I have a note that the Director wants him to EOD in July. What kind of order does he need? And let me know if you'd like me to draft it. Thanks!

-Vivian

From: [Butler, Vicki A. \(EOIR\)](#)
To: [Himsey, Vanessa \(EOIR\)](#)
Cc: [Sheehey, Kate \(EOIR\)](#); [Reilly, Katherine \(EOIR\)](#); [Barbee, Judy \(EOIR\)](#); [Caldwell, Rhonda \(EOIR\)](#); [Moutinho, Deborah \(EOIR\)](#)
Subject: RE: AG signed and approved 1 Permanent Appointment Order regarding an Immigration Judge position dated 06/06/18
Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 12:28:20 PM
Attachments: [165981.4036925 \(AG signed and approved Permanent Appoooint Order for an I....pdf\)](#)

Per our conversation, please see page 3.

From: Himsey, Vanessa (EOIR)
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 12:24 PM
To: Butler, Vicki A. (EOIR) <Vicki.Butler@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Reilly, Katherine (EOIR) <Katherine.Reilly@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Barbee, Judy (EOIR) <Judy.Barbee@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Caldwell, Rhonda (EOIR) <Rhonda.Caldwell@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Moutinho, Deborah (EOIR) <Deborah.Moutinho@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: AG signed and approved 1 Permanent Appointment Order regarding an Immigration Judge position dated 06/06/18

Hi Vicki,

Sorry, I was on the phone with Mr. Spath. I will give you a call. I'm not sure where that date came from. I have been dealing with OARM since we were told Mr. Spath was ready to EOD and OARM said they needed the documents before he could EOD since it's been over a year since the last documents were provided and he never EOD.

Thanks.

Vanessa H. Himsey
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From: Butler, Vicki A. (EOIR)
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 12:19 PM
To: Himsey, Vanessa (EOIR) <Vanessa.Himsey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Reilly, Katherine (EOIR) <Katherine.Reilly@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Barbee, Judy (EOIR) <Judy.Barbee@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>;

Caldwell, Rhonda (EOIR) <Rhonda.Caldwell@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Moutinho, Deborah (EOIR) <Deborah.Moutinho@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

Subject: RE: AG signed and approved 1 Permanent Appointment Order regarding an Immigration Judge position dated 06/06/18

Vanessa:

I just tried to call you. FYI -- Mr. Spath's Permanent Appointment order indicates it was approved by OARM on 05/29/18.

From: Himsey, Vanessa (EOIR)

Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 12:10 PM

To: Caldwell, Rhonda (EOIR) <Rhonda.Caldwell@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; McHenry, James (EOIR) <James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Reilly, Katherine (EOIR) <Katherine.Reilly@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Santoro, Christopher A (EOIR) <Christopher.Santoro@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Keller, Mary Beth (EOIR) <MaryBeth.Keller@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Maggard, Print (EOIR) <Print.Maggard@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Cheng, Mary (EOIR) <Mary.Cheng@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Murry, Anthony (EOIR) <Anthony.Murry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; McDaniel, James P. (EOIR) <James.McDaniel@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Ward, Lisa (EOIR) <Lisa.Ward@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

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Subject: RE: AG signed and approved 1 Permanent Appointment Order regarding an Immigration Judge position dated 06/06/18

Good afternoon All,

I have been waiting on a new SF52 that is current, a current DOJ-54 and proof of active bar membership (which I requested Mr. Spath on 2 occasions to provide). Once received, his new AG Order, SF-52, DOJ-54 and bar proof would have been forwarded to OARM. I have not received the documents from Mr. Spath or the SF-52.

OARM needs these documents before they will approve Mr. Spath to EOD. As of this morning, June 14, 2018, I was told by OARM that Mr. Spath is not approved by OARM and they are not sure how his Order was sent to the AG for signature without OARM seeing it.

I am going to try to reach Mr. Spath by phone again today regarding the DOJ-54 and Bar Proof as he is not responding to emails.

Any other information any one can provide regarding Mr. Spath would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Vanessa H. Himsey

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Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 9:11 AM

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Subject: AG signed and approved 1 Permanent Appointment Order regarding an Immigration Judge position dated 06/06/18

AG signed and approved 1 Permanent Appointment Order regarding an Immigration Judge position (dated 06/06/18):

WF 165981.4036925 – Vance H. Spath (Arlington).

Please see the attached pdf copy of the signed/approved Permanent Appointment Order. Also,

a copy will be available to ADMIN and OCIJ via the IQ4 database. Please pass this information on to any of your staff you deem appropriate.

Thanks, RC

R. Caldwell

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Washington, D.C. 20530

ORDER NO. 4188-2018

APPOINTING VANCE H. SPATH AS AN IMMIGRATION JUDGE

By the authority vested in me as the Attorney General by 8 U.S.C. § 1103(g)(1), I hereby appoint Vance H. Spath as an Immigration Judge, defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101(b)(4).

This order shall be effective on the first day of the pay period in which the oath of office is taken.

Date

6/6/18

Jefferson B. Sessions III
Attorney General

A blue ink signature of Jefferson B. Sessions III is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.



U.S. Department of Justice

Executive Office for Immigration Review

Office of the Director

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Director

May 18, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH:

THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

ZB for
RJR
6.4.18

FROM:

James R. McHenry III
Director

KHR for JRM

SUBJECT:

Permanent Appointment of Vance H. Spath as an Immigration
Judge in the Arlington Immigration Court

PURPOSE:

To refer to the Attorney General for his consideration the paperwork
to permanently appoint Vance H. Spath as an immigration judge.

TIMETABLE:

At the Attorney General's earliest convenience.

DISCUSSION:

On September 23, 2016, then Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch tentatively selected Vance H. Spath to serve as an immigration judge. On March 20, 2017, Attorney General Session signed an order temporarily appointing Mr. Spath as an immigration judge position, not to exceed 14 months, pending a background investigation.¹ Mr. Spath's background investigation has now been completed and adjudicated, and there is no derogatory information that would preclude him from being permanently appointed to this position.

¹ The signed/approved Temporary Appointment memo/order (see WF 3796084) stated, By the authority vested in me as the Attorney General by 8 U.S.C. § 1103(g)(1), I hereby appoint Vance H. Spath as an Immigration Judge, defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101(b)(4), for a period not to exceed 14 months. This order shall be effective on the first day of the pay period in which the oath of office is taken. Subsequent to that memo, however, Mr. Spath did not enter on duty due to a lengthy military commitment to which he was assigned while waiting for his Executive Office for Immigration Review paperwork. The military commitment will be complete this month and, now that the background investigation is complete, we recommend Mr. Spath enter on duty with a permanent appointment.

Subject: Permanent Appointment of Vance H. Spath as an Immigration Judge

Mr. Spath is an excellent candidate for an immigration judge position. Mr. Spath has significant experience presiding over trials, and is, to quote one of his interviewers, "a seasoned advocate in complex areas of law" and a "seasoned judge who has a plethora of judicial experience." Although Mr. Spath does not have significant immigration experience, he has presided over cases involving many complex issues, including areas of international law and procedure, highly sensitive and emotional issues such as proceedings involving sexual assault or violent crimes, as well as complex Fourth and Fifth Amendment Constitutional cases.

Mr. Spath is a chief trial judge with the United States Air Force, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. Mr. Spath has served in this position since April 2014. While chief trial judge, Mr. Spath was responsible for the operation of the Air Force Trial Judiciary, including its 26 trial judges. He served as the Air Force's senior jurist for tribunals and criminal trials worldwide, and was vested with independent authority to issue final, binding decisions on criminal, evidentiary, and procedural issues. Mr. Spath managed an annual criminal court docket of more than 500 federal criminal trials, and presided over more than 30 felony federal criminal trials each year, to include capital litigation.

Prior to serving as the chief trial judge, Mr. Spath served as director of training and readiness from July 2013 to April 2014, and from July 2012 to July 2013, he served as staff judge advocate. Mr. Spath has served in the United States Air Force since 1993 and has held a variety of other positions. He served as a chief regional military judge in the Pacific Judicial Region, Kadena Air Base, Japan, from July 2010 to July 2012, a regional military judge in the Western Judicial Region, Travis Air Force Base, California, from July 2009 to July 2010, a staff judge advocate, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, from July 2006 to July 2009, a chief circuit trial counsel in the Eastern Judicial Region, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. from July 2004 to July 2006, a deputy staff judge advocate and prosecutor, Shriever Air Force Base, Colorado, from July 2001 to July 2004, a contract trial attorney, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, from July 1998 to July 2000, a circuit trial counsel/prosecutor, in the Central Judicial Region, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, from July 1995 to July 1998, and an area defense counsel, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, from April 1994 to July 1995.

Subject: Permanent Appointment of Vance H. Spath as an Immigration Judge

Mr. Spath holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk, Virginia, and a J.D. from Quinnipiac University, Hamden, Connecticut.

Until one year from the date of his entry on duty. Mr. Spath will be subject to removal from his newly-appointed position, without regard to many of the procedural requirements and appeal procedures specified in 5 U.S.C. Chapters 43 and 75 and 5 C.F.R. Parts 432 and 752, if he has performance problems or engages in misconduct.

Mr. Spath's selection for this immigration judge position was made in accordance with the immigration judge hiring procedures approved on April 2, 2007.

An Attorney General Order, permanently appointing Mr. Vance H. Spath as an immigration judge, is attached hereto for signature.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Attorney General sign the attached order.

APPROVE: _____



Date: June 6, 2018

Concurring components:

OLC

SE 6/7/18

OARM

JA 5/29/18

DISAPPROVE: _____

Nonconcurring components:

None

OTHER: _____

Attachment

From: [Santoro, Christopher A \(EOIR\)](#)
To: [Sheehey, Kate \(EOIR\)](#)
Subject: Re: ID candidate Vance Spath
Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 8:06:37 AM

July is definitely out. Everyone in the Air Force has agreed to the Sep 2 EOD but they're holding to see what the Secretary of Defense is going to do. The case he is on at Guantanamo Bay has enough visibility that his departure is beyond AF control. They have found a new judge with high enough clearance to reassign to it but that process has taken longer than they expected.

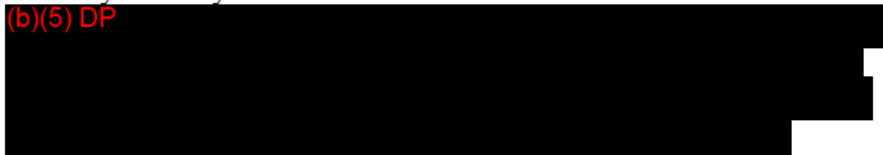
Christopher A. Santoro
Deputy Chief Immigration Judge

On Jun 14, 2018, at 7:55 AM, Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV> wrote:

Ok. I'm happy to wait until Monday. Do I need to tell Holly not to push for July? Or to hold up and not call back this week?

On Jun 14, 2018, at 7:39 AM, Santoro, Christopher A (EOIR) <Christopher.Santoro@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV> wrote:

I just spoke with him. I will talk to you when you get back on Monday unless you need a definitive answer sooner than that. I think (b)(5) DP



Christopher A. Santoro
Deputy Chief Immigration Judge

On Jun 14, 2018, at 6:31 AM, Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV> wrote:

I feel like (b)(5) DP



Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sheehey, Kate (EOIR)"
<Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Date: June 14, 2018 at 6:31:00 AM EDT
To: "Pryor, Holly (EOIR)"

From: [Pryor, Holly \(EOIR\)](#)
To: [Sheehey, Kate \(EOIR\)](#)
Subject: RE: IJ candidate Vance Spath
Date: Friday, June 15, 2018 3:21:30 PM

Hi there - sure thing and I'll follow-up once he and I have spoken.

Thanks,

Holly R. Pryor
Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)
Human Resources Specialist
703-305-1171 (Work)

-----Original Message-----

From: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR)
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 3:00 PM
To: Pryor, Holly (EOIR) <Holly.Pryor@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: IJ candidate Vance Spath

If you haven't already, would you let Mr. Spath know that, while we wish he could come on board in July, we understand and we look forward to seeing him in September.

-----Original Message-----

From: Pryor, Holly (EOIR)
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 8:51 AM
To: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: IJ candidate Vance Spath

You're welcome! hope it's nice in San Fran!

Holly R. Pryor
Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) Human Resources Specialist
703-305-1171 (Work)

-----Original Message-----

From: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR)
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 8:06 AM
To: Pryor, Holly (EOIR) <Holly.Pryor@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: Re: IJ candidate Vance Spath

Ok, thank you!

> On Jun 14, 2018, at 8:01 AM, Pryor, Holly (EOIR) <Holly.Pryor@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV> wrote:

>

> Hi Kate,

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> Mr. Spath has been called to active duty for work on a Guantanamo Bay case. Due to the need for him on the case he says that this is what has prevented him from coming on board with EOIR sooner.

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> He has put in his retirement request in hopes to alleviate any more delays. In addition a Judge Advocate was

recently hired to take over his cases and has cleared.

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> Mr. Spath feels very bad that our agency has had to wait for him to EOD, however, he stated that he has to complete the orders he has received. If approved, he will work to EOD either early September or mid-October, whichever is approved.

>

> Thank you,

>

> Holly R. Pryor

> Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) Human Resources

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> 703-305-1171 (Work)

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR)

> Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:31 AM

> To: Pryor, Holly (EOIR) <Holly.Pryor@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

> Cc: Giles, Naomi (EOIR) <Naomi.Giles@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Dalton, Kay

> (EOIR) <Kay.Dalton@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Hill, Bridgette (EOIR)

> <Bridgette.Hill@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

> Subject: Re: IJ candidate Vance Spath

>

> He told us earlier that he was coming in July, is that no longer possible? We've been counting on July for some time and already have a docket waiting for him.

>

>> On Jun 13, 2018, at 4:54 PM, Pryor, Holly (EOIR) <Holly.Pryor@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV> wrote:

>>

>> Hi Kate,

>>

>> I was able to connect with Mr. Spath. He is still very interested in the job offer as an IJ with Arlington. He has put in his retirement papers with the military and is hopeful with that being done he can EOD either early September or mid-October. Please advise if this is agreeable and I will follow-up with Mr. Spath.

>>

>> Thank you,

>>

>> Holly R. Pryor

>> Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) Human Resources

>> Specialist

>> 703-305-1171 (Work)

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR)

>> Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 5:10 PM

>> To: Pryor, Holly (EOIR) <Holly.Pryor@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

>> Subject: Re: IJ candidate Vance Spath

>>

>> Thank you!

>>

>>> On Jun 12, 2018, at 5:06 PM, Pryor, Holly (EOIR) <Holly.Pryor@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV> wrote:

>>>

>>> Hi Kate,

>>>

>>> I placed a call to Mr. Spath. Waiting for him to return my call. I also sent him an email to reach out and ask that he give me a call to discuss his EOD with EOIR as an Immigration Judge.

>>>

>>> I'll keep everyone posted.

>>>

>>> Thank you,

>>>

>>> Holly R. Pryor

>>> Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) Human Resources

>>> Specialist

>>> 703-305-1171 (Work)

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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR)

>>> Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 4:28 PM

>>> To: Pryor, Holly (EOIR) <Holly.Pryor@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Giles, Naomi

>>> (EOIR) <Naomi.Giles@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

>>> Cc: Dalton, Kay (EOIR) <Kay.Dalton@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Hill, Bridgette

>>> (EOIR) <Bridgette.Hill@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

>>> Subject: RE: IJ candidate Vance Spath

>>>

>>> Thanks Holly. It's probably nothing... (b)(5) DP

[REDACTED]

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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: Pryor, Holly (EOIR)

>>> Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 4:26 PM

>>> To: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Giles, Naomi

>>> (EOIR) <Naomi.Giles@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

>>> Cc: Dalton, Kay (EOIR) <Kay.Dalton@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Hill, Bridgette

>>> (EOIR) <Bridgette.Hill@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

>>> Subject: RE: IJ candidate Vance Spath

>>>

>>> Hi Kate,

>>>

>>> I can reach out to Mr. Spath as a follow-up; however, when we last spoke in April he was confirmed to EOD in July. I'll follow-up and provide an update.

>>>

>>> Thank you,

>>>

>>> Holly R. Pryor

>>> Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) Human Resources

>>> Specialist

>>> 703-305-1171 (Work)

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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: Sheehey, Kate (EOIR)

>>> Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 4:24 PM

>>> To: Giles, Naomi (EOIR) <Naomi.Giles@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Pryor, Holly

>>> (EOIR) <Holly.Pryor@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

>>> Cc: Dalton, Kay (EOIR) <Kay.Dalton@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Hill, Bridgette

>>> (EOIR) <Bridgette.Hill@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

>>> Subject: IJ candidate Vance Spath

>>>

>>> Have we spoken with him recently to confirm he's really coming in July?

From: [Santoro, Christopher A \(EOIR\)](#)
To: [Sheehey, Kate \(EOIR\)](#)
Subject: Spath
Date: Friday, June 15, 2018 2:52:34 PM

Have add'l info on Spath. I recommend we go with Sep 2 vs July 8. I have stuff I can show you when you return if you need additional information for the boss.

Christopher A. Santoro


Deputy Chief Immigration Judge

From: [Adams, Amanda \(EOIR\)](#)
To: [Sheehey, Kate \(EOIR\)](#)
Cc: [Pease, Jeffrey \(EOIR\)](#); [Macri, Andrea \(EOIR\)](#)
Subject: Re: IJ EOD list
Date: Friday, June 22, 2018 11:11:47 AM

Thanks Kate!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 22, 2018, at 11:04 AM, Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV
<<mailto:Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>> > wrote:

Updated list from what I sent yesterday, and looping in a few more people – this list includes our three newest July EOD's. This gives us a July class of  new IJs with a possibility of one more.

Kate

July EOD - certain

Fellrath, Robert

Los Angeles

French, Kathlen

Otero

Gilbert, Daniel

Harlingen

Golovnin, Lena

NYC

Gordon, Cynthia

NYC

Herbert, Nathan

El Paso

Hom, Howard

NYC

Huddleston, Natalie

Los Angeles

Koelsch, David

Baltimore

Laragy, William

Oakdale

Mahasa, Zakia

Baltimore

McFarland, Michael

NYC

Miller, Nancy

Los Angeles

Munson, Angela

LaSalle (but Atlanta for EOD)

Salovaara, Kaarina

Chicago

Thogersen, Cassie

LaSalle (but Oakdale for EOD)

Tijerina, Eric

San Antonio

Walleisa, Michael

Miami

Ward, George

Falls Church

Waterloo, Jason

Los Angeles

July EOD - possible

Vargas-Padilla, Nelson

Ulster

likely, although hasn't rec'd official offer yet

Sept EOD - certain

(b)(6)



Carr, Audrey

Bloomington

Jasso, Jaime

Imperial

Nance, Jeffrey

Stewart

Perry, Anne

Los Angeles

Spath, Vance

Arlington

EOD needs to be set

(b)(6)



From: [Lee-Sullivan, Marcia L. \(EOIR\)](#)
To: [Giles, Naomi \(EOIR\)](#)
Cc: [Ortiz-Ang, Susana \(EOIR\)](#); [Barbee, Judy \(EOIR\)](#); [Roldan, Martin \(EOIR\)](#); [Pryor, Holly \(EOIR\)](#); [Coleman, Briana \(EOIR\)](#); [Himsey, Vanessa \(EOIR\)](#); [Sheehey, Kate \(EOIR\)](#); [Ward, Lisa \(EOIR\)](#)
Subject: RE: AG signed and approved 1 Permanent Appointment Order regarding an Immigration Judge position dated 06/06/18
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 5:05:15 PM

Good Evening Naomi,

The SF-52 was updated and is in route to HR.

Marcia

From: Giles, Naomi (EOIR)
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 10:11 AM
To: Lee-Sullivan, Marcia L. (EOIR) <Marcia.Lee-Sullivan@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: Ortiz-Ang, Susana (EOIR) <Susana.Ortiz-Ang@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Barbee, Judy (EOIR) <Judy.Barbee@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Roldan, Martin (EOIR) <Martin.Roldan@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Pryor, Holly (EOIR) <Holly.Pryor@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Coleman, Briana (EOIR) <Briana.Coleman@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Himsey, Vanessa (EOIR) <Vanessa.Himsey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Ward, Lisa (EOIR) <Lisa.Ward@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: AG signed and approved 1 Permanent Appointment Order regarding an Immigration Judge position dated 06/06/18

Good morning,

HR has not received an updated 52 for Spath.

Naomi Giles
Human Resources Specialist (Staffing/Classification)
Executive Office for Immigration Review
Tele 703 305-0526/Fax 703 305-1456



From: Lee-Sullivan, Marcia L. (EOIR)
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 1:23 PM

To: Himsey, Vanessa (EOIR) <Vanessa.Himsey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Caldwell, Rhonda (EOIR) <Rhonda.Caldwell@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; McHenry, James (EOIR) <James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Reilly, Katherine (EOIR) <Katherine.Reilly@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Santoro, Christopher A (EOIR) <Christopher.Santoro@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Keller, Mary Beth (EOIR) <MaryBeth.Keller@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Maggard, Print (EOIR) <Print.Maggard@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Cheng, Mary (EOIR) <Mary.Cheng@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Murry, Anthony (EOIR) <Anthony.Murry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; McDaniel, James P. (EOIR) <James.McDaniel@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Ward, Lisa (EOIR) <Lisa.Ward@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
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Hi Vanessa,

Your summary regarding the lengthy history of Mr. Spath is extremely helpful !

OCIJ will submit a new updated SF-52 (unless HR directs us otherwise).

Marcia

From: Himsey, Vanessa (EOIR)
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 1:03 PM
To: Lee-Sullivan, Marcia L. (EOIR) <Marcia.Lee-Sullivan@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Caldwell, Rhonda (EOIR) <Rhonda.Caldwell@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; McHenry, James (EOIR) <James.McHenry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Reilly, Katherine (EOIR) <Katherine.Reilly@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Santoro, Christopher A (EOIR) <Christopher.Santoro@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Keller, Mary Beth (EOIR) <MaryBeth.Keller@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Maggard, Print (EOIR) <Print.Maggard@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Cheng, Mary (EOIR) <Mary.Cheng@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Murry, Anthony (EOIR) <Anthony.Murry@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; McDaniel, James P. (EOIR) <James.McDaniel@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Ward, Lisa (EOIR) <Lisa.Ward@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Sheehey, Kate (EOIR) <Kate.Sheehey@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
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Hi Marcia,

The Temp Order that was signed in March 2017 is no longer accurate. Mr. Spath never EOD with the agency. During the last year his BI was completed so it was determined his initial appointment would be a permanent appointment versus a temp appointment.

Since Mr. Spath never EOD and it has been over a year, OARM requested an updated DOJ-54 and proof of bar membership along with the corrected SF52 for his initial permanent appointment before signing off on the order. I was in the process of trying to gather this information for OARM.

After speaking with Vicki, it looks like the Perm Order was sent directly to OARM (which in normal cases would be correct) without coming through security to forward on with the other documents.

Jamila Frone, OARM Director, assumed the documents were received when she received the AG Order for signature and signed.

OARM does still need the additional documents. I was able to speak with Mr. Spath and he is going to complete the new DOJ-54 and provide me bar proof this afternoon when he gets back to his office and I will forward to OARM.

I will still need the new updated SF-52 showing the initial appointment as a permanent appointment, with an estimated EOD date. I am not sure who needs to provide this but I'm sure it will be someone included in this email. ☺

Thanks again, everyone.

Vanessa H. Himsey
Security Specialist
Executive Office for Immigration Review
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From: Lee-Sullivan, Marcia L. (EOIR)
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 12:37 PM

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Vanessa,

The AG signed and approved Temporary Appointment Orders as an Immigration Judge dated 03/20/17

- WF 154743.3796084 – Vance H. Spath (Arlington).

Marcia

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Good afternoon All,

I have been waiting on a new SF52 that is current, a current DOJ-54 and proof of active bar membership (which I requested Mr. Spath on 2 occasions to provide). Once received, his new AG Order, SF-52, DOJ-54 and bar proof would have been forwarded to OARM. I have not received the documents from Mr. Spath or the SF-52.

OARM needs these documents before they will approve Mr. Spath to EOD. As of this morning, June 14, 2018, I was told by OARM that Mr. Spath is not approved by OARM and they are not sure how his Order was sent to the AG for signature without OARM seeing it.

I am going to try to reach Mr. Spath by phone again today regarding the DOJ-54 and Bar Proof as he is not responding to emails.

Any other information any one can provide regarding Mr. Spath would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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Subject: AG signed and approved 1 Permanent Appointment Order regarding an Immigration Judge position dated 06/06/18

AG signed and approved 1 Permanent Appointment Order regarding an Immigration Judge position (dated 06/06/18):

WF 165981.4036925 – Vance H. Spath (Arlington).

Please see the attached pdf copy of the signed/approved Permanent Appointment Order. Also, a copy will be available to ADMIN and OCIJ via the IQ4 database. Please pass this information on to any of your staff you deem appropriate.

Thanks, RC

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Hi,

You are correct; however until we have his Terminal Leave paperwork I do not feel comfortable putting him on the list.

He should be on the next ALCON email which goes out.

Naomi Giles

From: Santoro, Christopher A (EOIR)
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